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Resolution

2008/38
Membership of the Economic and Social Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Economic and Social Council,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 60/180 of 20 December 2005 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005) of 20 December 2005, concurrently establishing the Peacebuilding Commission,

Recalling also, in particular, paragraphs 12 (b), 13 and 17 of General Assembly resolution 60/180 and Security Council resolution 1645 (2005), establishing the institutional relationship between the Economic and Social Council and the Peacebuilding Commission,

Recalling further Economic and Social Council resolution 2006/3 of 8 May 2006 on the membership of the Council in the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission,

Recalling General Assembly resolution 63/145 of 18 December 2008, in which the Assembly, inter alia, invited other bodies with members elected to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission to adjust the term of office of their respective members so that the term of office of all members of the Organizational Committee could start on 1 January instead of 23 June,

Recognizing the important role to be performed by the Peacebuilding Commission towards recovery, reintegration and reconstruction in countries emerging from conflict, particularly in Africa,

Recalling that due consideration is to be given to countries that have experienced post-conflict recovery in the composition of the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission,

1. *Decides* that, starting in 2009, the two-year term of office of the members of the Economic and Social Council elected to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission shall begin on 1 January, instead of on 23 June, with the possibility, as applicable, of their sharing the term within the concerned regional group for the seats allocated to it, subject to the concurrence of the Council;

2. *Also decides* that the distribution of the seven seats allocated to the Economic and Social Council on the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission shall be as follows:

(a) One seat for each of the five regional groups, namely, African States, Asian States, Eastern European States, Latin American and Caribbean States and Western European and other States;

(b) In the election of members of the Economic and Social Council to the Organizational Committee whose term of office shall start on 1 January 2009, the two remaining seats shall be allocated to the regional group of African States;

3. *Further decides* that the established practice of the Economic and Social Council regarding members elected to its subsidiary bodies who are not able to complete their term of office shall apply to members elected to the Organizational Committee by the Council.

Decisions

2008/201 F
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 46th plenary meeting, on 12 September 2008, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections

Commission on Sustainable Development

The Council elected **Switzerland** to fill an outstanding vacancy for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the nineteenth session of the Commission, in 2011.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected **Finland** and **Jamaica** for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

Appointments

Committee for Development Policy

The Council appointed Vladimir Popov (Russian Federation) for a term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2009 to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Anatoly Vishnevsky (Russian Federation).

2008/201 G
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 48th plenary meeting, on 19 December 2008, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections

Programme Coordinating Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome

The Council elected the **United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** for a term beginning on 1 January 2009 and expiring on 31 December 2009 to fill a vacancy that would arise from the resignation of Ireland.

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

In accordance with its resolution 2008/38, the Council elected the following seven States for a term, beginning on 1 January 2009, of two years or until the expiration of their membership in the Economic and Social Council, whichever is earlier: **Algeria, El Salvador, Guinea-Bissau, Luxembourg, Morocco, Poland** and **Republic of Korea**.

Nomination

Committee for Programme and Coordination

The Council nominated **South Africa** to replace Swaziland, which had withdrawn as a nominee, for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

2008/260
Organization of the twenty-fifth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the African continent

At its 46th meeting, on 12 September 2008, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2008/241 of 23 July 2008, by which it endorsed the recommendation that the twenty-fifth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names be convened in the first half of 2009, and taking note of resolution IX/2 of the Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names,[1] in which the Conference recommended that the twenty-fifth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names be held on the African continent, in cooperation with the Economic Commission for Africa, at a United Nations duty station:

(a) Decided that the twenty-fifth session of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names will be held at the United Nations Office at Nairobi from 5 to 12 May 2009, to facilitate and prepare the work of the Tenth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names;

(b) Requested the Secretary-General to take measures, as appropriate, to implement the decision contained in paragraph (a) above.

2008/261
Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2008 session

At its 47th meeting, on 19 December 2008, the Economic and Social Council decided to take note of the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its resumed 2008 session (E/2008/32 (Part II) and Corr.1).

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[1] See *Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names*, New York, 21-30 August 2007 (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.08.I.4), chap. III.